FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Peisert Daniel A. |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               |                                                             |                                                          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Assertio Holdings, Inc. [ ASRT ] |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                                    |                                                              |                  |                                                                                              |                                                                                          | (Ch                                                           | eck all appli                                       | cable)<br>or                                                                                                      | ng Person(s) to Is  10% C                                         |                                                                          | )wner                                 |  |
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| (Last) ASSERT                                               | (Fi                                                                                                                                          |                                            | (Middle)                                      |                                                             |                                                          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2020                  |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                                    |                                                              |                  |                                                                                              | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP and CFO                                 |                                                               |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |                                                                          |                                       |  |
| 100 SOUTH SAUNDERS ROAD, SUITE 300                          |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               | 4. 11                                                       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                                                                              |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                                    |                                                              |                  |                                                                                              |                                                                                          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable         |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |                                                                          |                                       |  |
| (Street) LAKE FOREST IL 60045                               |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               | 4. II Americinent, Date of Original Flied (Monthinday/Teal) |                                                          |                                                                              |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                                    |                                                              |                  | Line                                                                                         | Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                               |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |                                                                          |                                       |  |
| (City)                                                      | (Si                                                                                                                                          | tate) (                                    | (Zip)                                         |                                                             |                                                          | Pelsuii                                                                      |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                                    |                                                              |                  |                                                                                              |                                                                                          |                                                               |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |                                                                          |                                       |  |
|                                                             |                                                                                                                                              | Tab                                        | le I - Nor                                    | า-Deriv                                                     | ative                                                    | Sec                                                                          | curiti                                              | ies Ac                 | cqu                                     | ıired,                                             | Dis                                                          | osed c           | of, o                                                                                        | r Ber                                                                                    | neficial                                                      | ly Owne                                             | t                                                                                                                 |                                                                   |                                                                          |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D    |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               |                                                             | Execution D                                              |                                                                              | ion Date                                            |                        | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |                                                    | 4. Securities Acquired (A<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3<br>5) |                  | d (A) or<br>r. 3, 4 and                                                                      | Securiti<br>Benefici                                                                     | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following |                                                     | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>sstr. 4)                                                                               | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                                                                          |                                       |  |
|                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                              |                                                     |                        |                                         | Code                                               | v                                                            | Amount           |                                                                                              | (A) or<br>(D)                                                                            | Price                                                         | Transac<br>(Instr. 3                                | tion(s)                                                                                                           |                                                                   |                                                                          | (111341. 4)                           |  |
| Common Stock 08/15/                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               | 5/2020                                                      | 2020                                                     |                                                                              |                                                     |                        | M                                       |                                                    | 1,814                                                        |                  | A                                                                                            | \$0                                                                                      | 105                                                           | 5,022                                               |                                                                                                                   | D                                                                 |                                                                          |                                       |  |
| Common Stock 08/15/                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               | 5/2020                                                      |                                                          |                                                                              |                                                     |                        | F                                       |                                                    | 531 <sup>(1</sup>                                            | l)               | D \$0.                                                                                       |                                                                                          | 104,491                                                       |                                                     |                                                                                                                   | D                                                                 |                                                                          |                                       |  |
|                                                             | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                                            |                                               |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                              |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                                    |                                                              |                  |                                                                                              |                                                                                          |                                                               |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |                                                                          |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security                                                                        | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, Transac<br>Code (I                                    |                                                          |                                                                              | of<br>Deri<br>Seco<br>Acq<br>(A) o<br>Disp<br>of (E | osed<br>D)<br>tr. 3, 4 | Ex                                      | Date Exercisal<br>opiration Date<br>lonth/Day/Year |                                                              |                  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Seci<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                                                                          | Security<br>1 4)                                              | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>S<br>Illy                                                    | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                               |                                                             | Code                                                     | v                                                                            | (A)                                                 | (D)                    | Da<br>Ex                                | te<br>ercisabl                                     |                                                              | xpiration<br>ate | Title                                                                                        |                                                                                          | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                        |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |                                                                          |                                       |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock                                         | (2)                                                                                                                                          | 08/15/2020                                 |                                               |                                                             | м                                                        |                                                                              |                                                     | 1.814                  |                                         | (3)                                                |                                                              | R/15/2021        | Con                                                                                          | nmon                                                                                     | 1 814                                                         | ¢n(4)                                               | 1.81/                                                                                                             |                                                                   | D                                                                        |                                       |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents shares of common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- 2. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock. This transaction represents the settlement of vested restricted stock units in shares of common stock.
- $3.\, These \ restricted \ stock \ units \ are \ scheduled \ to \ vest \ 33.33\% \ on \ August \ 15, \ 2019, \ 33.33\% \ on \ August \ 15, \ 2020 \ and \ 33.33\% \ on \ August \ 15, \ 2021.$
- 4. The derivative securities were granted to the reporting person, and were not sold to the reporting person. As such, the reporting person did not pay any consideration for the derivative securities.

## Remarks:

Units

/s/ Jennifer Hipelius, attorneyin-fact for Daniel A. Peisert

08/17/2020

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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